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Clerical intel: A letter written 6 September 1955 from Budapest to the Apostolic Nuncio for Austria - reaching VOB through the American Consul in Salzburg, alleges that the following priests are active in recruiting for anti-Hungarian intelligence activities: DER, Istvan (deckname Kannez) of Caritas Vienna; the Apostolic Visitro from Győr/Baab, Dr. Josef ZAGON, Dr. Bela OROH of Faldkirchen; and Gustav NAGY camp priest in Wels. The writer, Dr. Istvan ZELZERSZKI, identifies himself as defense attorney for 3 apprehended agents sent into Hungary: Josef KOVACS, Zoltan BRICZE and Josef DROTOR. (No VOB traces on any of the prisoners or on ZELZERSZKI). ☐ did not have time to query ☐ in detail on the priests, but will try to do so next time. He knows all of them personally, or has at least met them, and his comments might be of interest.

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Attached herewith is ☐ ☐ 22 page unprocessed "Hungarian Survey"

Hungarian Catholic Action

Msgr. Zsigmond MIHALOVICS, organizer of the Emigrant Catholic Action got in March in the US visum and is sailing the 13th May to New York. He will work in Chicago, where he will write a book about the sort of the Hungarian Catholic Church in the last twenty years. The Archbishop of Chicago is sponsoring this work and Msgr. MIHALOVICS will be his guest. The Regional Office of the C.A. prepared the Hungarian material for the Holy Year Ecclesiastic Exposition, section that depicts Church to demonstrate religious persecution, police terror against Catholic Church in Hungary. The Holy See granted 1,000,000 Italian liras (abt. 1,800 dollars) for a new, modernized edition of the Holy Bible. Father Gallert BEKES and Father Petrik DALLOS are putting in modern Hungarian the text. The Hungarian A.C. may publish 20,000 copies from this subsidy, which in not sufficient course and now they are trying to get subscriptions from Hungarian parishes to cover the expenses. According to the latest news, the Holy See is seriously considering to appoint an "Apostolic Visitator" for the Hungarian Emigrant colonies, inspire the unfavorable views of of Swiss, German and Austrian bishops. Msgr. ZAGON, canon of Győr, now living in Innsbruck is the candidat for this post. It would greatly contribute to activate reorganization of Hungarian Catholics living abroad.

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